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MULTIVALENT CATIONS**Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on January 28, 2004. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the Amendment to the specification and claims, reconsider the pending claims in view of the Response, and allow the claims.

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